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REMARKS

Responsive to the requirement for restriction, applicant elects Group I, claims 1-9 and 13-16, drawn to the method, without traverse.

Non-elected article claims 10-12 and 17-20 are canceled herewith and are being made the subject of a divisional application filed under even date.

An action on the merits of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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